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To: Director, Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) Designated Approving Authority (DAA)

From: DEERS Certification Authority

Subj: Information Technology Security Certification for DEERS

Ref: (a) Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 8510.1, "DoD Information Technology Security Certification and Accreditation Process (DITSCAP)," 31 July 2000

(b) DoD Manual 5200.40-M, "DITSCAP Application Manual," December 1999

Encl: (1) DEERS System Security Authorization Agreement (SSAA) of *May 30*, 2002

The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) identifies all users of Congressionally authorized DoD medical and non-medical benefits and entitlements. It provides a means to ensure that only eligible beneficiaries receive benefits and services. DEERS collects, maintains, and provides demographic data on eligible beneficiaries; improves the management, planning, and allocation of DoD benefits resources; and reduces fraud and abuse of DoD benefit programs. DEERS is an Oracle database maintained on a Sun E10000 Unix servers. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), a certification team, under my direction, has conducted a review and analysis of the implementation of the security requirements of DEERS as described in the enclosure. This analysis identified some residual risks of operating DEERS in the specified environment. These residual risks, as well as suggested countermeasures that would mitigate these risks are listed in Appendix Q (Risk Assessment Results) to the SSAA.

The identified vulnerabilities and recommended countermeasures are being evaluated by the DMDC Information Systems Security Group (DISSG). Upon completion of this evaluation, corrective actions will be implemented and evaluated. The 3 December 2001 Interim Authority to Operate (IATO) for DEERS expires 1 June 2002. This extension allows for the implementation and evaluation of corrective actions.

A copy of this certification letter with supporting documentation will be retained by the activity as a permanent record.

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